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**United States Patent Application
POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named Officer of the Assignee in fact of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/644,408, filed August 19, 2003, TITLED "Pre-Shuffler for a Playing Card Shuffling Machine," having inventors named as Peter Krenn and Ernst Blaha, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or patent agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Signed this 12th Day of August, 2004



Jerry Smith

Managing Director
Shuffle Master GmbH & Co KG



Stichtag 12.8.2004

Auszug mit aktuellen Daten

FN 75379 b

Grundlage dieses Auszuges ist das Hauptbuch ergänzt um Daten aus der Urkunden-
sammlung.

Letzte Eintragung am 06.05.2004 mit der Eintragungsnummer 15
zuständiges Gericht Handelsgericht Wien

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träger und Zweigniederlassungen sind seitlich mit dem Zeichen '#' markiert.

15	FIRMA gelöscht	
#	CARD Casinos Austria Research &	
#	Development GmbH	
#	SITZ in	
#	politischer Gemeinde Wien	
15	Umwandlungsplan vom 22.04.2004	007
15	Generalversammlungsbeschluss vom 22.04.2004	008
	Umwandlung gemäß § 5 UmwG unter gleichzeitiger	
	Errichtung der Personengesellschaft	
	CARD Casinos Austria Research &	
	Development GmbH & Co KG	
	(FN 247789 x)	
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Gebühr €
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HG Wien, am 12. AUG. 2004

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Antrag auf Löschung eingelangt am 27.04.2004

erstellt vom Handelsgericht Wien ***** HA021
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Certified Translation from German into English

Extract from Company Register

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COMPANY

- 1 ~~CARD Casinos Austria Research & Development GmbH & Co KG~~
- 3 ~~Shuffle Master GmbH & Co KG~~
- 4 Shuffle Master GmbH & Co KG

LEGAL FORM

- 1 "Kommanditgesellschaft" (Limited Partnership)

1 Legal form since 06.05.2004

DOMICILED in

- 1 Political municipality of Vienna

BUSINESS ADDRESS

- 1 Dr. Karl Lueger-Ring 14
1015 Vienna

EFFECTIVE DATE FOR ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

- 1 31st December

1	Company agreement of 22.04.2004	001
1	Conversion plan of 22.04.2004	002
1	Pursuant to §§ 1 ff UmwG the company was created from CARD Casinos Austria Research & Development GmbH (FN 75379 b) through conversion.	003

PERSONALLY LIABLE SHAREHOLDER

A	CAI Casinoinvest Middle East GmbH
1	autonomous representative since 06.05.2004
2	Position deleted
C	Shuffle Master GmbH
2	autonomous representative since 13.05.2004

LIMITED PARTNER

B Casinos Austria Aktiengesellschaft

ASSET CONTRIBUTION

1 EUR 1 000 000
2 Position deleted
D Shuffle Master Management-Service GmbH
2 EUR 1 000 000

PERSONS

1 A CAI Casinoinvest Middle East GmbH
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2 (FN 247570 z)
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EXECUTION SUMMARY

Commercial Court Vienna

1 entered on 06.05.2004 transaction 71 Fr 3938/04 w
application for new
registration of a company received on 27.04.2004

2 entered on 15.05.2004 transaction 71 Fr 4491/04 h
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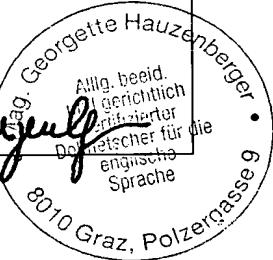
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DOMICILE in
political municipality of Vienna

15 Conversion plan of 22.04.2004

007

15 Resolution by the General Assembly of
22.04.2004

008

Conversion pursuant to §5 Conversion Act
concurring with simultaneous establishment
of the business partnership
CARD Casinos Austria Research &
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The company is deleted and dissolved.

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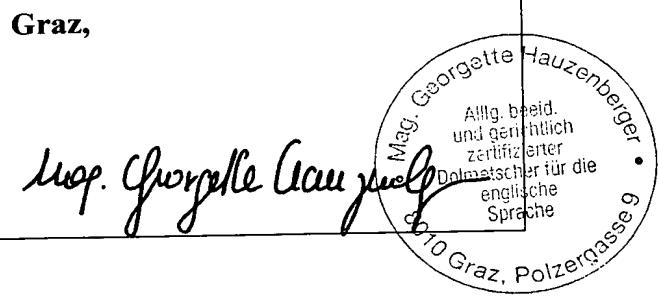
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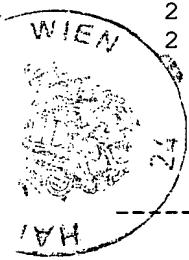
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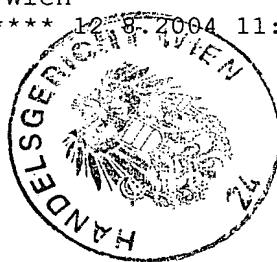


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CARD Casinos Austria Research & Development GmbH

Dr. Karl Lueger Ring 14, 1015 Vienna, Austria

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? [] Yes [X] No

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: Shuffle Master GmbH & Co. KG

Address: Dr. Karl Lueger Ring 14
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3. Nature of conveyance:

[] Assignment [] Merger
 [] Security Agreement [] Change of Name
 [X] Other, Stock Transfer of Company Assets

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? [] Yes [X] No

Execution Date: April 22, 2004

4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):

Inclusive of 10/644,408

If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is:

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Mark A. Litman/Reg. No. 26,390

Name of Person Signing: Mark A. Litman

Signature



Date 17 August 2004

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Peter Krenn et al.)
Serial No.: 10/644,408)
Filing Date: August 19, 2003)
Title: PRE-SHUFFLER FOR A PLAYING)
CARD SHUFFLING MACHINE)

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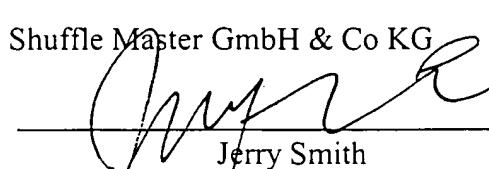
AFFIDAVIT OF JERRY SMITH

On August 16, 2004 I, Jerry Smith, a Managing Director of Shuffle Master GmbH & Co KG and on personal knowledge do swear, attest and say the following:

1. The Certified Commercial Register Abstract of CARD Casinos Austria Research & Development GmbH in German and a certified English translation memorializes the Dissolution of CARD-Casinos Austria Research & Development GmbH and its simultaneous Conversion to CARD-Casinos Austria Research & Development GmbH & Co KG. Said Dissolution and Conversion transferred all assets and liabilities including but not limited to the above-mentioned trademark application/registration and/or patent application/issued patent.
2. The Certified Commercial Register Abstract of Shuffle Master GmbH & Co KG in German and an English translation memorializes the Name Change from CARD-Casinos Austria Research & Development GmbH & Co KG to Shuffle Master GmbH & Co KG.
3. As a Managing Director I am authorized to sign on behalf of Shuffle Master GmbH & Co KG.

Further Affiant sayeth not.

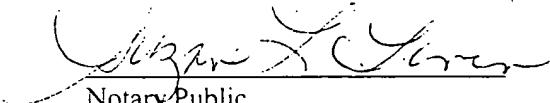
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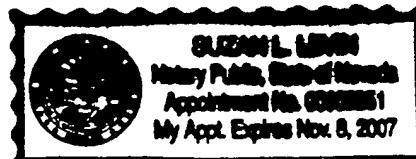


Jerry Smith
Managing Director, Shuffle Master GmbH & Co KG

STATE OF NEVADA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF CLARK)

Affiant personally appeared before me and is known to me. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of August 2004.


Notary Public



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